



## CCIS Homestay program Volunteer Host Information

**Email: [Homestay@CCISstanfordU.org](mailto:Homestay@CCISstanfordU.org)**

Thank you for volunteering to be a CCIS Homestay host family this year. Homestay is a very popular long-term CCIS program, dating back to 1953. Many international friendships have started with CCIS Homestay, with memories that last a lifetime.

Over the years, hosts have reported that it is often easier to have two students at the same time, because the two develop a connection and share information. Therefore, please consider accepting two students into your home this year, if your accommodations allow.

We carefully select Homestay hosts, and often past Homestay hosts refer new members to CCIS. Please refer your friends!

Because of the personal, in-home connection with an international guest, Stanford University and CCIS require that you be a current CCIS member, provide your local contact information, have health insurance (for yourself), and auto insurance (assuming you will be driving your Stanford international student in your car).

You will be welcoming an international graduate student(s) into your home for a 3–5 day visit. Internationals who apply to Homestay have completed a profile application. We make every effort to match you with a compatible international guest. Once you have accepted your student match, you will receive his/her profile information and your upcoming international guest will be notified of a successful placement in the Homestay program.

***CCIS hosts make the first contact with the student as soon as possible*** - typically by email. When writing to the international student for the first time, it is helpful to include more information about you, your home life, and your family. Let him or her know about your pets, accommodations in your home, and your interests. This way, by the time the student arrives, you both will know something about each other, making the first meeting more comfortable for all. A Skype or FaceTime call before they arrive is also helpful and makes the transition easier for both of you.

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